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United States Attorney Paul J. McNulty announced that William A. Hemphill of Arlington, Virginia, pleaded guilty today before the Honorable T.S. Ellis, III, United States District Court Judge, to a one count criminal information charging him with possession of child pornography. Hemphill, who will be sentenced on March 24, 2006, could receive a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

Hemphill belonged to an Internet bulletin board service that exchanged child pornography. The Federal Bureau of Investigation seized Hemphill's computer, and a forensic examination of it revealed that he possessed numerous images of children engaged in sexually explicit conduct, and that he had used the computer to view child pornography on the Internet.

The case was investigated by the FBI's Washington Field Office and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Edmund P. Power.

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